

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of said comparing.

2. The document information management method according to claim 1, wherein upon receipt of a request from said terminal for storing in the region storing therein said document similar in content, a document under said request for registration is registered to said region.

3. A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus, bibliographic information of the document with bibliographic information of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in bibliographic information as a result of said comparing.

4. A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus, organization information of a registrant of the document with organization information of a registrant of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in organization information as a result of said comparing.

5. A document information management method for use in a management apparatus connected to more than one terminal via a network with a plurality of

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documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a request for registration of a document from said terminal to said management apparatus while designating one from among a plurality of regions under hierarchical management, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document being presently registered in the designated region; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information of a document similar in content being registered in said designated region as a result of said comparison.

6. A document information management method for use in a management apparatus with a plurality of documents being registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said method comprising the steps of:

comparing, upon input of a request for registration of a document, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

outputting relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of the comparison.

7. A management apparatus with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said apparatus comprising:

means for comparing, in response to receipt of a document registration request from said terminal, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

means for sending to said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of the comparison.

8. A document information management system including a management apparatus with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions and a terminal connected to said management apparatus via a network, said system comprising:

means for comparing, in response to receipt of a document registration request from said terminal to said management apparatus, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

means for visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of the comparison.

9. A document information management program for use in a management apparatus being connected via a network to a terminal with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said program comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a document registration request from said terminal to

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said management apparatus, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of the comparison.

10. The document information management program according to claim 9, wherein upon receipt of a request from said terminal for storing in the region for storage of said document similar in content, a document under said registration request is registered to said region.

11. A document information management program for use in a management apparatus being connected via a network to a terminal with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said program comprising the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a document registration request from said terminal to said management apparatus, bibliographic information of the document with bibliographic information of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in bibliographic information as a result of the comparison.

12. A document information management program for use in a management apparatus being connected via a

network to a terminal with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said program having the steps of:

comparing, in response to receipt of a document registration request from said terminal to said management apparatus, organization information of a registrant of the document with organization information of a registrant of a presently registered document; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in organization information as a result of the comparison.

13. A document information management program for use in a management apparatus being connected via a network to a terminal with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said program having the steps of:

comparing, in response to issuance of a document registration request from said terminal to said management apparatus while designating a folder within a plurality of folders, a content of the document with a content of a document being presently registered to the designated folder; and

visually displaying at said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document being similar in content and being registered to said designated folder as a result of the

comparison.

14. A document information management program for use in a management apparatus being connected via a network to a terminal with a plurality of documents registered and classified into a plurality of regions, said program having the steps of:

comparing, in response to issuance of a document registration request from said terminal, a content of the document with a content of a presently registered document; and

sending to said terminal relevant information with correspondence to a region for storage of a document similar in content as a result of the comparison.